the Bangladesh Government to take credible measures which would convince the refugees that it is safe for them to return to their homes. Although the Bangladesh Government have claimed that conditions are conducive to the return of the refugees, the refugees have so far remained unconvinced and have refused to return. It is not possible to give a time-frame for the return of the refugees, as this depends on concrete action by Bangladesh.

Appointment of regular Chief Justices in the High Courts

*66. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of such High Courts where temporary Chief Justices are functioning at present and if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when the regular Chief Justices are proposed to be appointed in these High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) As on 25.4.88, the following High Courts were having Acting Chief Justices from the dates indicated below, as the office of permanent Chief Justice was vacant:—

Delhi	17.3.88
Madhya Pradesh . . .	19.1.88
Madras	14.3.88
Patna	2.1.88

The appointment of Chief Justices in the High Courts involves deliberations in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities.

The appointment of Chief Justice, Patna High Court is to be notified shortly. The appointment of permanent Chief Justices to the other High Courts is being processed.

Use of Sanskrit language in computers

*67. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the possibility of the better suitability of Sanskrit language for use in computers for Artificial Intelligence; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Electronics has launched "Knowledge Based Computer System/Fifth Generation Computer Systems" (KBCS/FGCS) project during Seventh Plan period to carry out research and development in the frontier areas of computer engineering. Under this project, six nodal centres have been set up with Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay, National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), Bombay, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and Department of Electronics, New Delhi. The research in the field of Natural Language for computers is being conducted at NCST, Bombay.

As an attempt to give thrust for research in this field, 'National Conference of Knowledge Representation and Inference in Sanskritam' was organised at Bangalore during December 20—22, 1986. This Conference was attended by experts from India and abroad in the fields of Computer Science, Linguistics and Education. The experitise of Sanskrit scholars is being sought under the FGCS/KBCS programme through the nodal centres as detailed above. A project on the use of Sanskrit as a natural language to serve as an artificial inelligence also, is being formulated under the FGCS/KBCS programme. The research work is being coordinated by Department of Electronics.